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SUBJECT: SEAN MACBRIDE AS PEACE MEDIATOR IN NORTHERN IRELAND?

1. DUBLIN DAILY NEWSPAPERS MAY 17 DESCRIBE A "PRIVATE PEACE PLAN" DRAWN UP BY IRELAND NOBEL LAUREATE SEAN MACBRIDE AND NORTHERN IRELAND LAWYER DESMOND BOAL. DETAILS ARE SKETCHY, BUT SUPPOSEDLY INCLUDE A UNILATERALLY DECLARED INDEPENDENT NORTHERN IRELAND WITH THE IRA ABANDONING ITS CLAIM TO A UNITED IRELAND AND THE PROTESTANT PARAMILITARIES THEIR INSISTENCE ON A LINK WITH BRITAIN. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORTS, THE PEACE PROPOSAL WAS IN THE PROCESS OF CIRCULATION AMONG LEADING PIRA AND PROTESTANT PARAMILITARY FIGURES, BUT WAS HELD IN ABEYANCE DURING THE RECENT PAISLEY-LED STRIKE.

2. MACBRIDE IS QUOTED AS HAVING CONFIRMED THAT A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN DRAWN UP BUT THAT THE REPORTING HAD BEEN "OVERSTATED AND OVEROPTIMISTIC." HE STRONGLY DENIED THAT EITHER HE OR MR. BOAL HAD BEEN REPRESENTING EITHER THE PIRA OR THE PROTESTANT PARAMILITARIES. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT BY THE GOI ON THESE TALKS. HOWEVER, POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS
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MINISTER CONOR CRUISE-O'BRIEN MADE CLEAR THAT HE THOUGHT THE INITIATIVE WAS OF LITTLE VALUE, STATING INTER ALIA: "PEOPLE WHO CAME FORWARD WITH THE IDEA OF FINDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM, FIND PUBLICITY FOR THEMSELVES, IF THEY FOUND NOTHING ELSE. THERE IS NOTHING ELSE. THERE IS NOTHING THERE AT ALL. IT IS AN ILLUSION, PUT BEFORE THE PEOPLE QUITE OFTEN." RENDAHL

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